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The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina rose 0.7 percent from the November rate of 3.9 percent to reach 4.6 in December. Nationally, the adjusted rate of unemployment in December at 5.8 was 0.1 percent lower than the 5.9 percent recorded in November. From December 1986, the state's unemployment rate was down 0.8 percent from 5.4, and the national rate for the same period was 0.9 percent lower than the December 1986 rate of 6.7.

After seasonal adjustments, North Carolina's civilian labor force was 3,303,000 in December. The December estimate reflected a decrease of 33,000 persons from the November figure of 3,336,000 and an increase of 82,000 (+2.5 percent) from December 1986.

Employment in December, seasonally adjusted, decreased by 54,000 workers, dropping from 3,205,000 in November to 3,151,000. Gaining 103,000 workers from last December, the employment total represented a percentage increase of 3.4 over the December 1986 estimate of 3,048,000. Unemployment for the month was 152,000, an increase of 21,000 from November and a decrease of 21,000 from December 1986 when unemployment was 173,000.

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment posted an addition of 11,400 workers increasing from 2,863,000 in November to 2,875,200 in December. From November to December the rate of growth in employment was 0.4 percent in both manufacturing (+3,400 workers) and in nonmanufacturing (+8,000 workers). Employment was up in both durables and nondurables as most industries posted small gains. The largest gain was in tobacco (+1,000), followed by apparel (+800). In nonmanufacturing, the largest monthly employment gains occurred in construction (+2,900), service and miscellaneous (+2,800), and in wholesale trade (+2,100).

Over the year, industry employment showed a gain of 102,800 workers. The manufacturing sector added 30,500 workers, and the nonmanufacturing sector's employment was boosted by 72,300. Both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing experienced a growth rate of 3.7 percent. The largest employment increases in nonmanufacturing occurred in trade (+23,400) and in the service industry (+20,800). Worker gains in manufacturing were highest in textiles (+7,500) and in apparel (+5,800).

There were 39,692 weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits for the month ending December 31, 1987. This amounted to an over-the-month increase of 11,723. Weeks claimed by manufacturing workers increased by 6,828 with most of the increase by industry of attachment reported in textiles (+3,515) and apparel (+1,198). In nonmanufacturing, the construction and trade industries experienced the largest increases in weeks claimed with 1,449 and 1,220, respectively.

During December 1987, 10,115 individuals were placed in jobs through the North Carolina Employment Security Commission. The total was down slightly form the November figure of 11,160. By occupational groups, more than 1,800 individuals were placed in packaging and material handling (+1,893) and in benchwork (+1,825). There were 4,614 individuals placed in the manufacturing industry, followed by 2,187 in the service industry and 1,693 in the trade industry.

Production workers in manufacturing earned $2.05 more a week in December than in November; they worked 0.1 of an hour more per week; and their average hourly earnings increased by $.03 to reach $7.96. Tobacco workers gained $.51 more an hour, and those in the chemical industry averaged $.20 more an hour. From the previous month, nonsupervisory workers in hotels and related averaged $.14 more an hour, and retail employees gained $.04.

With the exception of production workers in tobacco and plastics, those in all other manufacturing industry groups averaged more earnings an hour in December 1987 than a year ago. Workers in fabricated metals averaged $1.03 more an hour, and more than $.30 an hour more was realized by workers in stone, clay and glass; primary metals; printing; and chemicals. Over-the-year increases in hourly earnings in the nonmanufacturing sector ranged from $.51 for mining workers to $.17 for workers in trade.

Manufacturing employment gained 400 production workers over the month as durable goods added 1,200 and nondurable goods lost 800. With an addition of 600, the machinery, except electrical, industry gained the most production workers. From December a year ago, the number of production workers increased 20,000. A 6,600 increase in textiles and a 3,300 addition in furniture contributed about 50 percent of the overall gain in production workers from December 1986.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

December 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: July 1987 through December 1987					
	Dec. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,792	4,843	4,848	4,854	4,861	4,867	4,873
Civilian Labor Force	3,221	3,322	3,306	3,313	3,350	3,336	3,303
Participation Rate[1]	67.2	68.6	68.2	68.3	68.9	68.5	67.8
Employed	3,048	3,171	3,165	3,182	3,218	3,205	3,151
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	63.6	65.5	65.3	65.6	66.2	65.9	64.7
Unemployed	173	151	141	131	132	131	152
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.6
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: October 1987 through December 1987		
	Dec. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,792	4,861	4,867	4,873
Civilian Labor Force	3,219	3,354	3,336	3,298
Participation Rate[1]	67.2	69.0	68.5	67.7
Employed	3,063	3,225	3,202	3,161
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	63.9	66.3	65.8	64.9
Unemployed	155	129	134	137
Unemployment Rate	4.8	3.9	4.0	4.2
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	1.9	0.9	1.0	INA[4]

[1]The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.
[2]The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.
[3]The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.
[4]Information not available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

December 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: July 1987 through December 1987					
	Dec. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,547	182,885	183,002	183,161	183,311	183,470	183,620
Civilian Labor Force	118,576	119,952	120,306	119,963	120,387	120,594	120,722
Participation Rate[1]	65.3	65.6	65.7	65.5	65.7	65.7	65.7
Employed	110,657	112,727	113,050	112,872	113,210	113,504	113,744
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	61.0	61.6	61.8	61.6	61.8	61.9	61.9
Unemployed	7,919	7,224	7,256	7,091	7,177	7,090	6,978
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	INA[4]

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Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,547	183,311	183,470	183,620
Civilian Labor Force	118,049	120,744	120,611	120,206
Participation Rate[1]	65.0	65.9	65.7	65.5
Employed	110,588	113,898	113,809	113,679
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	60.9	62.1	62.0	61.9
Unemployed	7,461	6,845	6,802	6,526
Unemployment Rate	6.3	5.7	5.6	5.4
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.5	1.8	1.9	INA[4]

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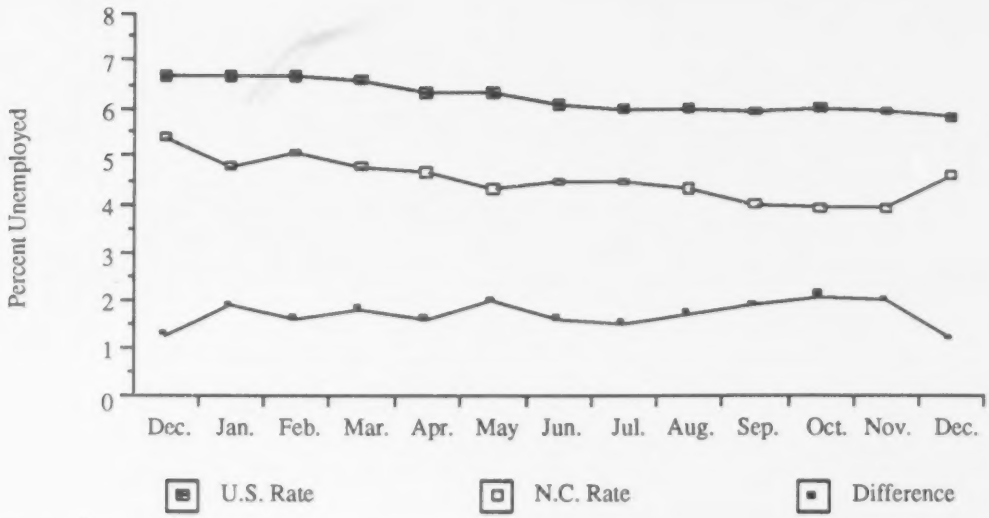
Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

December 1986-December 1987



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North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

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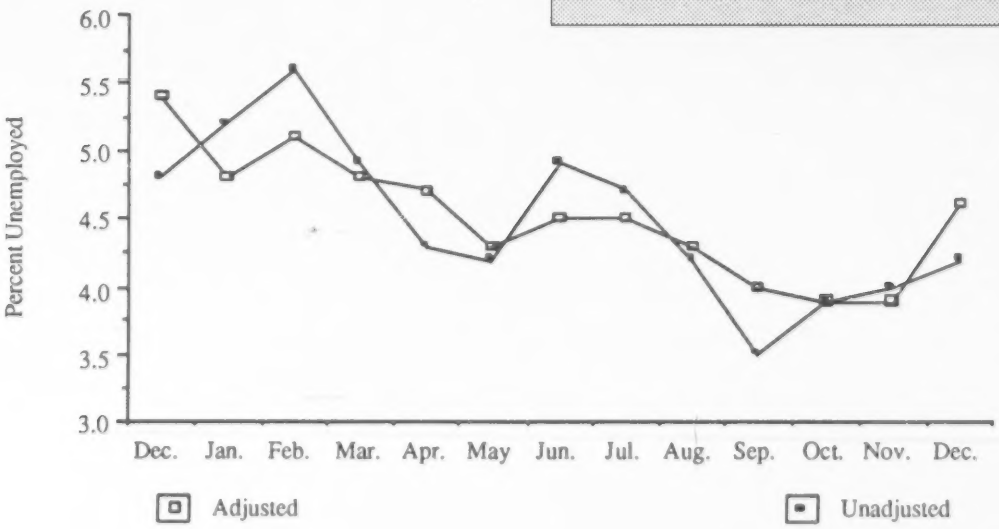

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

December 1987[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
				November 1987		December 1986	
	Dec. 1987	Nov.[2] 1987	Dec. 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,298.2	3,335.8	3,218.7	- 37.6	- 1.1	+ 79.5	+ 2.5
Unemployment, Total	136.9	134.1	155.3	+ 2.8	+ 2.1	- 18.4	- 11.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.2	4.0	4.8	+ 0.2	-----	- 0.6	-----
Employment, Total	3,161.3	3,201.7	3,063.4	- 40.4	- 1.3	+ 97.9	+ 3.2
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,303.0	3,336.0	3,221.0	- 33.0	- 1.0	+ 82.0	+ 2.5
Unemployment, Total	152.0	131.0	173.0	+ 21.0	+ 16.0	- 21.0	- 12.1
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.6	3.9	5.4	+ 0.7	-----	- 0.8	-----
Employment, Total	3,151.0	3,205.0	3,048.0	- 54.0	- 1.7	+ 103.0	+ 3.4
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,875.2	2,863.8	2,772.4	+ 11.4	+ 0.4	+ 102.8	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	863.3	859.9	832.8	+ 3.4	+ 0.4	+ 30.5	+ 3.7
Durable Goods	352.2	350.9	337.6	+ 1.3	+ 0.4	+ 14.6	+ 4.3
Lumber & Wood Products	37.1	37.1	37.4	0.0	0.0	- 0.3	- 0.8
Furniture & Fixtures	89.8	89.5	85.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 4.1	+ 4.8
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.9	21.6	20.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.4	+ 1.0	+ 4.8
Primary Metals	11.9	11.7	11.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.7	+ 0.9	+ 8.2
Fabricated Metals	27.6	27.5	26.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.4	+ 5.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	59.3	58.8	55.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 3.6	+ 6.5
Electrical Machinery	60.1	60.4	59.6	- 0.3	- 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
Transportation Equipment	26.9	26.7	24.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.3	+ 9.3
Other Durable Goods[4]	17.6	17.6	16.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.1	+ 6.7

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.
[4]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
[5]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.
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Industry Employment in North Carolina

December 1987[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Dec. 1987	Nov.[2] 1987	Dec. 1986	Change From: November 1987 Net	November 1987 Percent	December 1986 Net	December 1986 Percent
Nondurable Goods	511.1	509.0	495.2	+ 2.1	+ 0.4	+ 15.9	+ 3.2
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	47.9	46.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.5	+ 3.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.0	24.0	25.8	+ 1.0	+ 4.2	- 0.8	- 3.1
Textile Mill Products	221.3	221.2	213.8	+ 0.1	xx[8]	+ 7.5	+ 3.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	92.3	91.5	86.5	+ 0.8	+ 0.9	+ 5.8	+ 6.7
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	22.2	22.0	- 0.4	- 1.8	- 0.2	- 0.9
Printing & Publishing	28.0	27.9	27.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.8	37.7	37.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	32.2	32.0	31.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Other Nondurable Goods[5]	4.6	4.6	4.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	2,011.9	2,003.9	1,939.6	+ 8.0	+ 0.4	+ 72.3	+ 3.7
Mining	5.0	4.8	4.7	+ 0.2	+ 4.2	+ 0.3	+ 6.4
Construction	172.2	169.3	161.6	+ 2.9	+ 1.7	+ 10.6	+ 6.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	137.0	136.5	135.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.9	+ 1.4
Transportation, exc. Railroad	76.4	75.9	73.8	+ 0.5	+ 0.7	+ 2.6	+ 3.5
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.6	56.6	56.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	642.4	642.7	619.0	- 0.3	xx[8]	+ 23.4	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade	149.4	147.3	143.5	+ 2.1	+ 1.4	+ 5.9	+ 4.1
Retail Trade	493.0	495.4	475.5	- 2.4	- 0.5	+ 17.5	+ 3.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	130.1	129.3	122.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 7.7	+ 6.3
Service & Miscellaneous[6]	487.8	485.0	467.0	+ 2.8	+ 0.6	+ 20.8	+ 4.5
Total Government	437.4	436.3	430.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3	+ 7.3	+ 1.7
Federal	52.8	52.6	52.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
State	125.7	125.9	124.2	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 1.5	+ 1.2
Local	258.9	257.8	253.9	+ 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 5.0	+ 2.0
All Other Nonag. Employment[7]	257.6	251.9	251.0	+ 5.7	+ 2.3	+ 6.6	+ 2.6
Agriculture	34.6	41.7	37.2	- 7.1	- 17.0	- 2.6	- 7.0

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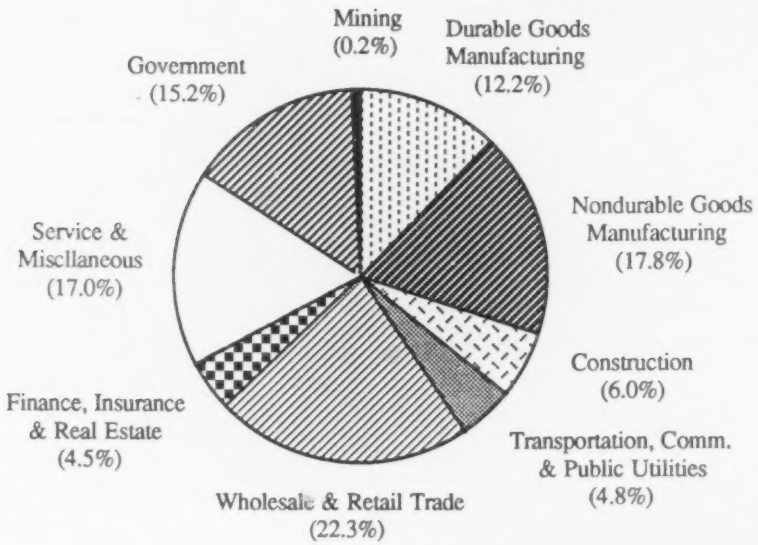
Figure 3

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

December 1987



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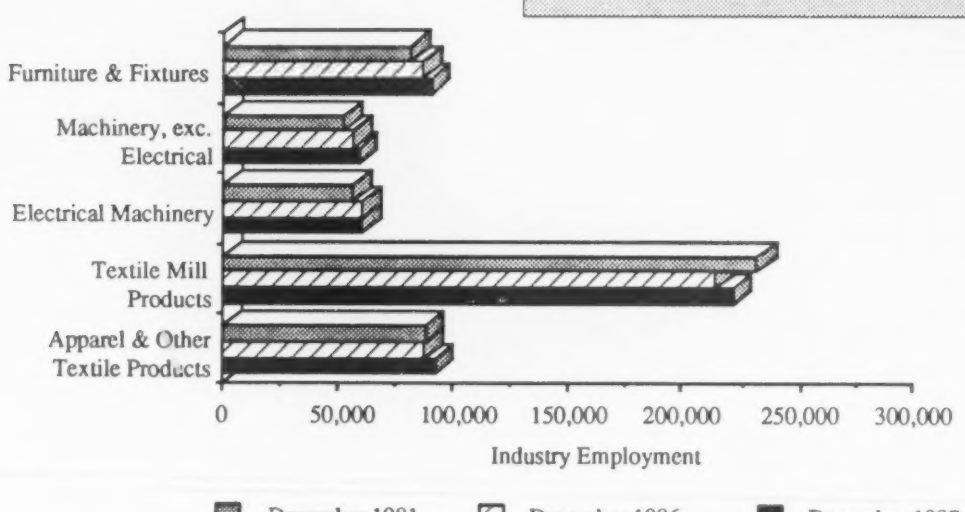

Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

December 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed: Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month: Numerical	Change From Previous Month: Percent
Total All Industries	2,684,001	39,692	1.5	+ 11,723	+ 41.9
Manufacturing Total	835,937	18,475	2.2	+ 6,828	+ 58.6
Food Products	47,574	1,190	2.5	+ 557	+ 88.0
Tobacco	24,997	308	1.2	+ 217	+ 238.5
Textile Products	216,581	7,238	3.3	+ 3,515	+ 94.4
Apparel Products	84,756	2,958	3.5	+ 1,198	+ 68.1
Lumber & Wood	38,081	1,114	2.9	+ 254	+ 29.5
Furniture & Fixtures	86,428	916	1.1	+ 134	+ 17.1
Paper & Allied	21,833	197	0.9	+ 79	+ 66.9
Printing & Publishing	28,019	252	0.9	- 60	- 19.2
Chemicals & Allied	39,051	280	0.7	+ 39	+ 16.2
Rubber & Plastics	31,727	586	1.8	+ 202	+ 52.6
Leather Products	3,546	40	1.1	+ 13	+ 48.1
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,185	351	1.7	+ 111	+ 46.3
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,307	565	1.5	+ 139	+ 32.6
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,038	502	0.9	+ 42	+ 9.1
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,178	1,316	2.3	+ 391	+ 42.3
Transportation Equipment	23,786	386	1.6	- 92	- 19.2
Other Manufacturing[2]	17,850	276	1.5	+ 89	+ 47.6
Construction	155,142	4,642	3.0	+ 1,449	+ 45.4
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	130,777	1,132	0.9	+ 212	+ 23.0
Trade	624,651	5,780	0.9	+ 1,220	+ 26.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	118,945	908	0.8	+ 139	+ 18.1
Services	421,786	3,567	0.8	+ 922	+ 34.9
State Government	112,508	369	0.3	+ 54	+ 17.1
Local Government	254,873	639	0.3	+ 33	+ 5.4
Other[3]	xxx	4,180	xxx	+ 866	+ 26.1

[1]These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.
[2]"Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.
[3]"Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

December 1987[1]

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed[2]	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs[2,3]	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	10,115	9,946	330	5	960
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	359	356	6	0	8
Clerical Occupations	1,257	1,242	3	0	10
Sales Occupations	371	368	1	1	1
Domestic Service Occupations	104	78	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,556	1,516	1	0	5
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	408	375	285	0	1
Processing Occupations	625	623	5	0	1
Machine Trade Occupations	1,324	1,323	2	1	28
Benchwork Occupations	1,825	1,811	0	0	1
Structural Work Occupations	1,333	1,296	17	1	854
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	362	338	8	0	19
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,893	1,793	11	2	47
Miscellaneous Occupations	26	26	1	0	0

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[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

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December 1987[1]

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,614	670	1,693	94	2,187	322	614
57	3	60	2	140	82	121
152	255	447	51	281	84	248
6	18	301	8	31	1	0
0	1	0	0	74	3	8
83	19	592	14	750	93	143
54	1	7	4	18	6	5
550	21	22	0	26	0	1
1,186	6	38	0	63	5	8
1,602	1	22	1	199	0	9
308	11	28	14	89	17	24
36	173	65	0	40	6	12
891	167	158	1	536	19	27
10	4	0	0	4	7	12

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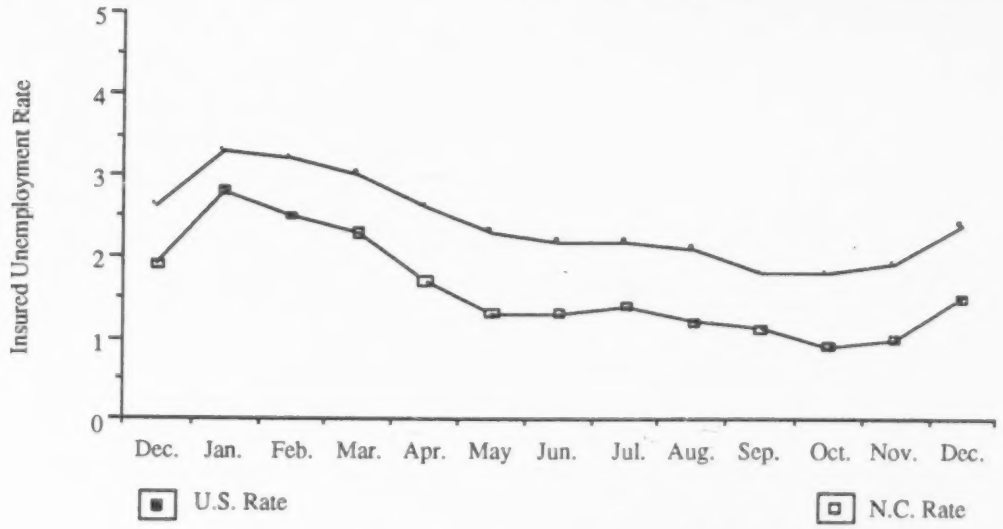

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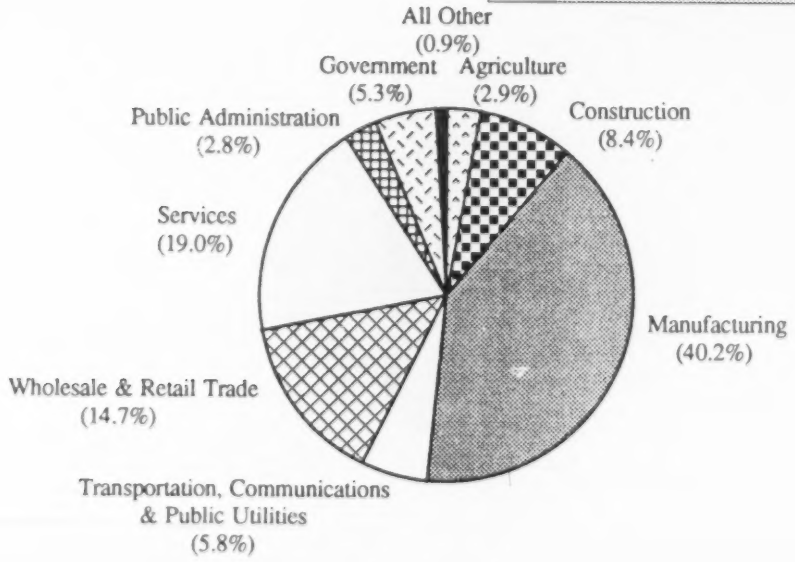

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Table I

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December 1987[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Dec. 1987	Nov.[2] 1987	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,897.1	2,890.6	2,796.8	+ 0.2	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	863.5	862.5	836.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Durable Goods	353.3	351.3	339.1	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
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Furniture & Fixtures	90.3	90.1	86.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.6
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Other Durable Goods[3]	17.9	17.7	16.7	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Nondurable Goods	510.1	511.2	497.5	- 0.2	+ 2.5
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	48.3	46.6	- 0.4	+ 3.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.0	25.3	25.9	- 1.2	- 3.5
Textile Mill Products	220.9	221.4	213.5	- 0.2	+ 3.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	92.1	92.3	89.3	- 0.2	+ 3.1
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	22.1	22.1	- 0.9	- 0.9
Printing & Publishing	28.2	28.0	27.7	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	37.5	37.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	31.9	31.7	30.9	+ 0.6	+ 3.2
Other Nondurable Goods[4]	4.6	4.6	4.3	0.0	+ 7.0

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[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
[4]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
[5]This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.
[6]Less than .05 percent.

Table I
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Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

December 1987[1] (Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Dec. 1987	Nov.[2] 1987	Dec. 1986	Percent Change From: Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	2,033.6	2,028.1	1,960.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.7
Mining	5.0	4.9	4.7	+ 2.0	+ 6.4
Construction	171.0	171.0	160.2	0.0	+ 6.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	137.5	137.0	135.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Transportation, except Railroad	77.2	76.6	74.6	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.5	56.5	56.8	0.0	- 0.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	658.8	650.0	633.8	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade	148.6	147.7	142.5	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Retail Trade	510.3	502.3	491.2	+ 1.6	+ 3.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	129.4	129.2	121.8	+ 0.2	+ 6.2
Service & Miscellaneous[5]	482.4	484.0	461.7	- 0.3	+ 4.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.7	26.7	25.7	- 3.7	0.0
Total Government	449.5	452.1	442.4	- 0.6	+ 1.6
Federal	52.9	52.6	52.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
State	129.9	132.8	128.5	- 2.2	+ 1.1
Local	266.7	266.8	261.7	xxx[6]	+ 1.9

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

December 1987[2]

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Nov.[3] 1987	Dec.[3] 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov.[3] 1987	Dec.[3] 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov.[3] 1987	Dec.[3] 1986
MANUFACTURING	$332.73	$330.68	$320.32	41.8	41.7	41.6	$ 7.96	$ 7.93	$ 7.70
DURABLE GOODS	348.99	344.84	334.74	42.2	41.9	42.0	8.27	8.23	7.97
Lumber & Wood Products	287.60	285.23	278.39	41.5	41.1	41.8	6.93	6.94	6.66
Furniture & Fixtures	302.17	296.46	289.78	41.0	40.5	40.7	7.37	7.32	7.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	366.69	367.53	353.64	42.1	42.1	42.1	8.71	8.73	8.40
Primary Metal Industries	403.49	405.29	391.07	43.2	43.3	43.5	9.34	9.36	8.99
Fabricated Metal Industries	408.21	411.70	359.97	42.7	43.2	42.2	9.56	9.53	8.53
Machinery, exc. Electrical	384.09	382.32	386.32	43.4	43.2	43.9	8.85	8.85	8.80
Electrical Machinery	386.44	380.42	374.48	42.7	42.6	42.7	9.05	8.93	8.77
Transportation Equipment	397.32	388.40	376.61	44.0	43.3	42.7	9.03	8.97	8.82
NONDURABLE GOODS	322.82	321.98	311.33	41.6	41.6	41.4	7.76	7.74	7.52
Food & Kindred Products	294.58	287.75	273.22	41.2	40.7	39.2	7.15	7.07	6.97
Tobacco Manufacturers	550.40	557.83	517.35	40.0	42.1	37.3	13.76	13.25	13.87
Textile Mill Products	299.63	301.89	291.29	42.5	42.7	42.9	7.05	7.07	6.79
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	212.52	210.10	206.80	38.5	38.2	38.8	5.52	5.50	5.33
Paper & Allied Products	504.43	512.12	516.58	44.6	45.2	46.0	11.31	11.33	11.23
Printing & Publishing	380.89	367.35	360.69	41.0	39.8	40.3	9.29	9.23	8.95
Chemicals & Allied Products	462.24	457.80	437.00	43.2	43.6	42.1	10.70	10.50	10.38
Plastics & Synthetics	502.65	513.46	494.42	45.0	45.6	43.6	11.17	11.26	11.34
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	422.26	413.53	388.33	43.0	42.5	41.4	9.82	9.73	9.38
MINING	409.50	408.27	358.44	46.8	46.5	43.5	8.75	8.78	8.24
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	515.00	514.59	501.23	41.7	41.6	41.7	12.35	12.37	12.02
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	210.60	207.68	207.60	32.4	32.0	32.9	6.50	6.49	6.31
Wholesale Trade	336.04	333.78	327.58	40.1	39.5	39.9	8.38	8.45	8.21
Retail Trade	176.95	174.00	176.34	30.3	30.0	31.1	5.84	5.80	5.67
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	150.37	148.20	140.13	29.6	30.0	30.2	5.08	4.94	4.64

[1]These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.
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[3]Revised.

Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

December 1987

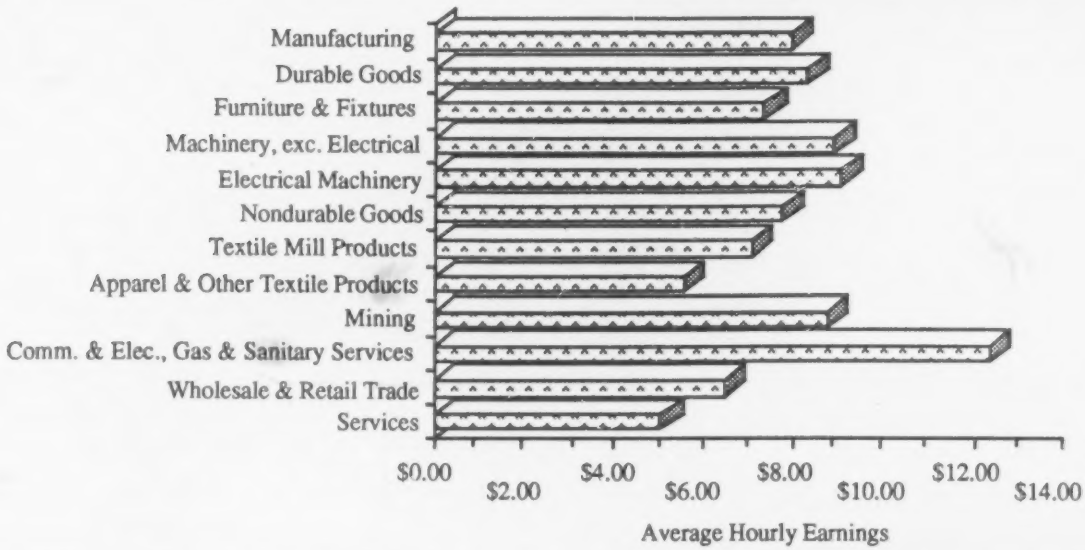

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

December 1987

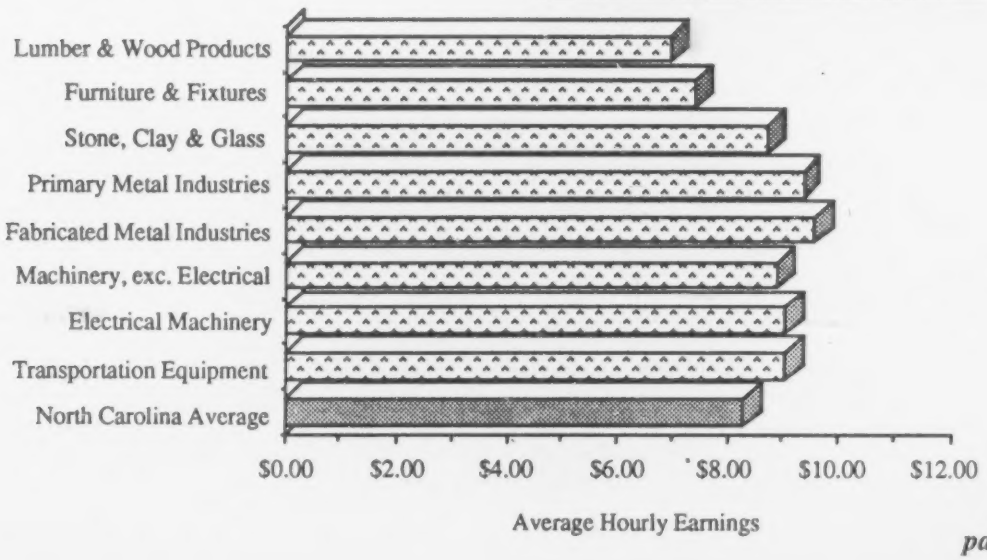

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

December 1987[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Dec. 1987	Nov.[2] 1987	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Manufacturing	683.8	683.4	663.8	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Durable Goods	265.7	264.5	256.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Lumber and Wood Products	31.5	31.6	31.7	- 0.3	- 0.6
Furniture and Fixtures	78.9	78.6	75.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.4
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.6	16.7	0.0	+ 5.4
Primary Metal Industries	8.7	8.6	8.2	+ 1.2	+ 6.1
Fabricated Metal Products	20.8	20.7	19.7	+ 0.5	+ 5.6
Machinery, exc. Electrical	29.8	29.2	28.6	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.4	43.5	43.7	- 0.2	- 0.7
Transportation Equipment	21.8	21.4	19.9	+ 1.9	+ 9.5
Other Durable Goods	13.3	13.2	12.5	+ 0.8	+ 6.4
Nondurable Goods	418.1	418.9	407.2	- 0.2	+ 2.7
Food and Kindred Products	34.3	34.5	33.0	- 0.6	+ 3.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.5	19.8	20.2	- 1.5	- 3.5
Textile Mill Products	195.4	195.7	188.8	- 0.2	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	80.3	80.5	78.1	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Paper and Allied Products	16.5	16.6	16.6	- 0.6	- 0.6
Printing and Publishing	17.6	17.4	17.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.9
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.4	24.3	24.4	+ 0.4	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	26.2	26.1	25.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	3.9	3.8	3.6	+ 2.6	+ 8.3

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.